Conversion of telephone calls upto 500 km. into local calls

†790. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert telephone calls upto 500 km. into local calls; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration to convert telephonic calls up to 500 km into local calls.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Upgradation of branch post Offices in H.P.

791. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade branch post offices in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the district-wise and constituency-wise and category-wise details; and

(c) the number of branch post offices working at present in the State, district-wise and constituency- wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration to upgrade any branch post office in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) District-wise and constituency-wise number of branch post offices working at present in the State is given in the statement enclosed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.